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SUBJECT: TBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

STATE PNE MESSAGE NUMBER SEVENTY-FOUR

1. REFERENCE MOSCOW 5446, FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR YOUR USE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS AT YOUR PRESS BRIEFING FRIDAY. THEY WILL BE USED HERE ALSO ON ON "IF ASKED" BASIS. PRESS SHOULD BE GIVEN EMBARGO UNTIL 6 PM FRIDAY, MOSCOW TIME. YOU SHOULD PASS Q'S AND A'S TO SOVIETS FRIDAY MORNING.

2. Q'S AND A'S ON PNE NEGOTIATIONS

Q. HAS THE PNE DELEGATION LEFT MOSCOW? HAVE THE NEGOTIATIONS BEEN COMPLETED?

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A: THE U.S. PNE DELEGATION IS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON FROM MOSCOW BECAUSE ITS PART OF THE WORK ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL NOW BE REVIEWED BY THE U.S. AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS. WE ANTICIPATE

THAT THIS REVIEW WILL TAKE A WEEK OR TWO. THE TEXT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE WHEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

Q: DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AS OF MARCH 31 HAVE BEEN RESOLVED?

A: AS I STATED, THE DELEGATIONS HAVE PRODUCED A DRAFT AGREEMENT, BUT IT MUST NOW BE REVIEWED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

Q: DOES THE AGREEMENT PROVIDE FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION?

A: AS WE HAVE INDICATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THE AGREEMENT DOES PROVIDE FOR OBSERVERS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Q: WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TREATY AND THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY? WILL THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ABIDE BY THE TREATIES UNTIL THE RATIFICATION PROCESS IS COMPLETED?

A: THE TREATIES WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION. OBVIOUSLY THIS WOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE UPON COMPLETION OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY GOVERNMENTS, AND RATIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES. WE EXPECT THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, UPON SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENTS, BOTH SIDES WILL NOT ACT CONTRARY TO THE AGREEMENTS. THERE ARE SOME PROVISIONS HOWEVER THAT WOULD NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL RATIFICATION IS COMPLETED. SISCO UNQTE KISSINGER

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